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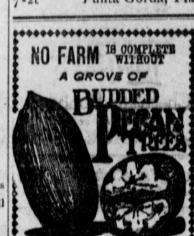
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PUNTA GORDA, FLA., FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1904.

(Special Correspondence of THE HEHALD.) Jacksonville, February 22,-The French have a saying-"it is the unexpected which happens"-and no more apt illustration of its truth ever occurred than the performance of at the recent meeting of the State executive committee, when those two avowed candidates, with the aid of the Democrats who should have known better, insisted upon remaining as members of the committee in the very face of the law which forbade them to do so.

Mind you! There was no question were not called upon to decide whether or not it was in good taste, or even decent, for them to re- press objections if they had any. main as members of the committee, forbade them to do so. It says: "No county, State or congressional

before any primary election shall act or serve as such committeeman, and any vacancy caused by such county, State or congressional committee." Act of 1901, Section 15,

Chapter 5040. attorney-general, tendered his resignation as a member of the committee, representing Gadsden county. J. M. Barrs, a member at large, and the acceptance of the resignation upon the pitiful, pettifogging plea to become a candidate, he is not actually a candidate under the pri- ronage of his office at his own deposits his assessment and thus sethe party law whereby he was elevatcures the right to have his name ed to power. placed on the official ballot. There was much debate, but Mr. Ellis insisting upon his resignation becoming effective, it was accepted and his place on the committee duly filled. Neither Mr, Barrs nor Mr. Jno N. C. Stockton, also a member

Timber, Prairie, Orange, didate for nomination as United than all the medicines I have ever States senator, had the grace or de cency to withdraw from the committee, although every vote they cast as eeding, before any court, as being in violation of the statute, had the

matter been put to test. The righteous indignation at this sigh-handed violation of a plain statutory provision, as expressed by is amply justified by the facts.

a number of newspapers of the State, The St. Petersburg Sub-Peninsula Sun says:-"For candidates, in the face of an absolute law governing the committee's acts, to arbitrarily force their presence upon the committee, and voluntary remain thereon until they created discord and dissension. Parties wishing to purchase and accomplish the passage of rules Furniture and Hardware 2,000 to 3,000 extra fine for their own benefit, was monstrous." And the Sun calls atten-

several good mule teams retained on the committee by means of their own illegal votes! The Orlando Sentinel Reporter says: "The proceedings of the committee, as reported, show that those who shout loudest their love for the people, attempted, and to some ex tent were successful in using the party for unfair advantage over their opponents, and were so blinded by their own interests that they were

might swim,"

And the Tampa Times says: "The attitude of certain candidates who are members of the Democratic executive committee, at the meeting of insisting upon retaining their membership in the committee in violathe primary law, is certainly not to heir credit. All men who believe in fair play must condemn and despise them for taking this unfair advantage of their opponents. That it is a great advantage no one can dispute, and the fact that they have as sumed this attitude is ample evi dence that they propose to use their positions unjustly. The technical excuse offered, that they are not candidates until they have paid their assessments, is insufficient." A FLORIDA CZAR.

tate offices has he made even the hat." slightest pretense of consulting either his fellow officials of the State Government or the State Executive Committee of the party which elect

While the "strict letter of the law" comity of practice which would have 250 at All Druggists. impelled any other Democrat occupying his place to a courteous and amicable dependence upon the ad- account of his personal friendship

ments to fill vacancies in county of fices. Pretending to abide by the letter of the platform, he has openly insulted the County Executive Committees of several of the counties, and made his appointments know ing that those bodies were powerless

to affect his action. and imperatively provides that "the urer Knott's statement, and for their John N. C. Stockton and J. M. Barrs Governor shall not appoint to any office any person whose appointment mation: will be objectionable to the Demo-

this command and this pledge. It Florida). says nothing about apointing per- In addition to this the said publi sons recommended by boards of cation shows that \$430,833 of the Indisqualification may be filled by the county commissioners. He has dian War Claim Fund was applied ommendations, ignoring the party lative authority, thus reducing the Hon. W. H. Ellis, candidate for not bound by the platform to appoint which is held by the educational to office persons recommended by funds of the State, as fully explained county committees yet when the in said publication. mended suited his purposes, he has

> ommendation. The Governor of Florida, this parpect to his method of using the pat-

Better Than Gold. "I was troubled for several years with chronic indigestion and nervous debility," writes F. J. Green, of Laneaster, N. H. "No remedy help- shown by last report. \$692,946 00 ed me until I began using Electric than all the medicines I have ever used. They have also kept my wife pal under Chapter 5117 in excellent bealth for years. She (pages 51 and 52), Acts 1903 88,362 11 says Electric Bitters are just splenmembers thereof would have been did for female troubles; that they under Chapter 5117 (pages regarded as void in any legal pro- are a grand tonic and invigorator for 51 and 52), Acts of 1908. . . . weak, run down women. No other medicine can take its place in our 605.97 was apportioned and family." Try them. Only 50c. Sat- distributed to the several

isfaction guaranted by all Druggists, counties, as provided by Maccalenny Standard:-Florida has al revenue fund recomb one capable official who is in no ance of Section 5 of Chapsense a politician. We refer to Hon. W. V. Knott, our efficient state Acts of 1903 treasurer. Mr. Knott has never been an office seeker-his fine business ate judiciary committee in attainments caused him to be ap the investigation of claims pointed state auditor, and when the against the Indian War lamented Reynolds died and left the | Fund in pursuance of the comptroller's office vacant the post. last paragraph of Section tion was tendered Mr. Knott, but he 1, Chapter 5114 (page 35). declined the honor, although the Acts of 1908..... salary was much greater than he was receiving as auditor. He had cola under Chapter 5823 work on hand that needed his atten- (pages 363 and 864), Acts of tion at that time, and his levalty to 1903 duty was greater than his desire for promotion. Later on there was a vacancy in the office of State treas- pages 52 and 53), Acts of urer, and this position was tendered Mr. Knott, which he accepted and Balance in the fund Janu-tire satisfaction of the people of the state. He is now a candidate for ready to sink the party that they

Escaped an Awful Fate.

election to that position.

Mr. H. Haggins, of Melbourne, Fla., writes: "My doctor told me I vested by the State board of educaand \$1. Trial bottles free.

nation, is quoted as stating that in the legislation advocated by us."

Nearly Forfeits His Life.

uire him to do so, the spirit of Arnica Salve had no trouble to cure month to this fund from sales of very recent declaration of the party him. Equally good for Burns, school lands. in convention points unerringly to a Bruises, Skin Eruptions and Piles.

Not only this, but Governor Jen- from Lakeland to Punta Gorda, and nings has openly and persistently violated both the spirit and the letter of the recorded declarations of party law in the making of appoint-

Bartow Courier-Informant:-On

PLORIDA'S SURPLUS MONEY.

Abstract From Treasurer's Report Show ing How it is invested.

Tallahassean :- Several of our conemporaries are commenting on the mar and High School for the week balances shown to be in the Indian ending Feb. 19, showing some of the War Claim Fund and the principal work done in the various grades, Is Although the platform destinctly of the State School Fund, by Treas. as follows:

In accordance with the provisions cratic Executive Committee of the of Section 121, Revised Statutes of learned about the human body. county in which he resides," Gover- the State of Florida, publication was nor Jeanings cannot cite a single in- made by the State treasurer, Jan- ple story form, cut up and used as stance in which he endeavored to uary 6, 1904, of an Abstract of Genascertain, before making an appoint eral Revenue Account, showing all sons ment, whether or not the contem- receipts and disbursements on that account, also aggregated disburse plated appointment would be objecof abstract ethics involved. They tionable to the committee. He made ments on account of interest on the the appointment, and then it was public debt during the preceding The platform commands him, and funds at the end of the fiscal year being candidates. The law expressly his acceptance of the office pledged beginning with January 1, 1903, and of Europe. him, to appoint all persons nominat ending December 31, 1903, in full ed by the choice of the people in compliance with the law (Section committeeman who is a candidate primary elections. He has violated 121, Revised Statutes of the State of vision of Europe.

made appointments upon such rec- to the State debt in 1908 under legiscommittees. Claiming that he was bonded debt of the State to \$601,567.

committee and the person it recom. In the publication above mentioned the law directs a showing of recandidate for congress, objected to misde appointments upon such rec celpts and disbursements as to general revenue fund only and a balance sheet showing condition of other that although one may be intending ticular one, is indeed a czar, in res funds. Full statements of the re. ceipts and disbursements of all the funds are shown in the annual remary law and regulations until he pleasure, regardless of the tenets of port of the State treasurer now being prepared with all other particulars pertaining to the business of the of. ator J. B. Crews was in town on

DATA FROM TREASURER'S ANNUAL

REPORT-INDIAN WAR CLAIM. Total amount received from U.S. government as

DISBURSEMENTS IN 1908. Paid school fund princi-Paid school fund interest

(This last amount of \$98,

the constitution). ter 5114 (pages 48 and 44), Paid expenses of the sen-

Paid the city of Pensa-

Paid on bonded debt of

State under Chapter 5118

STATE SCHOOL FUND INVESTMENTS. The constitution and laws of the

tion of the Democratic platform and King's New Discovery for consump ating. There was an unusually large which the great crops of the country tion, induced me to try it. Results amount of school funds to invest were startling. I am now on the during the last half of the year 1903, read to recovery and owe all to Dr partly arising from land sales, but King's New Discovery. It surely mostly from redemption of our State saved my life." This great cure is bonds largely held by the school liseases by all druggists. Price 50c the United States of amounts heretofore withheld from the State. Owing Samuel Gompers, president of the much care to make judicious invest-American Federation of Labor, in a ments. During the last six months Ferry's seeds is the secret of the wonletter to Gen. W. H. Sebring, says: of 1908 the State board of education Hon. James P. Taliaferro, senator purchased over \$400,000 of State from Florida, voted in exact accord- bonds for the State school fund at ance with the expressed wish of or the lowest market prices. For some A prominent member of the Gov- ganized labor upon the bill creating time before the end of the year the ernor's "official family" whose name the department of commerce and la- prices had advanced to such an ex- Seed Annual, a valuable guide in the se s withheld at his own request, be- bor. I may add that the Senator tent that the board was not able to cause he is a candidate for re-nemi- has been favorably disposed toward invest the entire balance in the fund at reasonable prices within the old one of Governor Jennings' recent This knocks another of Governor year, and hence at the close of the troit, Mich. ppointments to fill vacancies in Jennings' charges into a "cocked year the balance to credit of school fund principal stood \$58,495.93, a con-A runaway, almost ending fatally, ing the month of December, 1903. ble and phosphate and other valustarted a horrible uleer on the leg of This balance is being invested as the able minerals; rich timber forests J. B. Orner, Franklin Grove, Ill. law directs as rapidly as the bonds and tropical vegetables and fruits, For four years it defied all doctors can be purchased at a fair price. the South's prospects are as bright

Mysterious Circumstance.

One was pale and sallow and the vice and concurrence of his equals in for Capt. W. B. Denham, Mr. T. L. the determination of such grave and important party matters.

| Marquis, of this city, has taken charge of the Atlantic Coast Line | Life Pills to maintain it. By gently | Gainesvi arousing the lazy organs they com-

PUNTA GORDA HIGH SCHOOL.

A report of the Punta Gorda Gram-

First Grade-Physiology. Papils benefit we give the following infor- have been receiving oral instruction in this subject for the past week. It

is surprising how much they have Second Grade-Hiawatha in sim-

reading, spelling and language les-Third Grade-Spelling. A page of written or oral work from Swinton's

Word Primer daily. Fourth Grade-Geography-Pupils too late for any committee to ex year, with a balance sheet showing in this grade have begun the study condition of all the accounts and of the Grand Division of South America and have begun the study

> Sixth Grade - Geography .- This class is now studying the Grand Di-Seventh Grade-English Litera-

> ture. Pupils have been studying selections from Longfellow's poems. Eighth Grade - Algebra. The class has just begun the study of this

subject and their first work is very promising. Ninth Grade-English Literature. "The Young Man of Great Expectations" in Irving's Tales of a Traveler.

was studied. Tenth Grade-English Literature. All Mr. Burchell's Villainy at Last Detected" in "The Vicar of Wakefield," was studied.

POTATOES PROFITABLE. The Telegraph man knows of two men who cleared up \$100 per acre from sweet potatoes last year. Sen-Monday, and in conversation with the writer said he had sold \$100 worth of potatoes from an acre of land. Afterwards the circumstance was mentioned in the presence of J. M. Alvarez, who stated that he had housed at his farm 500 bushels of potatoes from two acres of land. He expects to sell 400 bushels of the lot for \$200, and have 100 bushels left for home use. The people to the north of us are beginning to know the good qualities of the Flor yams and the commission hor have agents the State over who 50c. per bushel for the potatoes ered at the cars. There is hard

crop that is easier raised-Prof.

Telegraph. ACREAGE VERY LARGE. Dade county will have the largest ever had. Exclusive of the crop on the keys there are now planted in the county close to five thousand acres of vegotables, less than three percent of which is in eggplant, beans, peppers, etc. This means that, if no disaster comes, there will be more than one million crates of vegetables shipped out of the county before June 1. This will amount approximately to two thousand carloads, and at a low estimate will bring the farmers of Dade county a

An Instance of Growth. It is a pleasure, in this day of great in-

\$900,000 in eash.-Miami News.

return of something like \$800,000 to

dustrial combinations, to note an instance where an independent concern has attained to mammoth proportions, and has grown steadily but surely for years from a small beginning into the fullness of the present time. Such an State provide that the principal of institution is cited in the seed business the State school fund shall be in- of D. M. Ferry & Co., which for nearly hall a century has gone forward each the committee in Jacksonville, in had consumption and nothing could tion only in United States bonds or year, constantly adding new customers be done for me. I was given up to State bonds, all of which are and retaining its old ones, until it is todie. The offer of a free bottle of Dr. high priced and continually flunctu- day the source of reed supply from spring. Seed houses have come and gone-some survived and flourished for years, but finally succumbed for one reason or another-while Ferry's kept growing all the time. Thousands of guaranteed for all throat and lung fund and from the collection from farmers, gardeners and flower growers look to them year after year for the seeds from which the prosperity of their to the fluctuation in prices it requires fields and gardens is to grow, and the fact that they are never disappointed in derful expansion of this wonderful firm. You can buy their seeds in every city, town or hamlet of this land, and you are always certain that they are fresh, true to name and sure to grow. Their 1904 lection of proper seeds to plant, will be sent free to all readers of THE HERALD who apply to D. M. Ferry & Co., De-

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Gainesville Sun:-Senator Taliaferro was heartily welcomed at every

overning party affairs does not re-and all remedies. But Bucklen's Additions are being made every as any rainbow.—Ocala Banner. other fresh and rosy. Whence the wealth is not to be grinned at by

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